

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of claims 1-122, 126-139 and 141-169 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent 6,359,154. In the interests of expediting prosecution and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 1.130(b) and 37 CFR 1.321(c) to obviate the rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the obviousness-type double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-122, 126-139 and 141-169, which are now pending in this application, satisfy the requirements for patentability. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of these claims are therefore respectfully requested.

* Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the fee for the submission of a Statutory Disclaimer. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

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